

First United Methodist Church
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Our Mission: Win people to Christ, involve people in ministry, and nurture all people

2016
June
Church Calendar

MMO meets every
Tuesday & Thursday
8-Noon

MMO will be out
June 27-July 5 for the
summer

Wednesday, June 1
7:00a.m.....Men’s Prayer Breakfast
10am-3pm.....SAFD
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
Sunday, June 5
9:00a.m.....Methodist Hour, Cable 8
9:45a.m.....Sunday School
10:55a.m.....Worship Service
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
Monday, June 6
9:00a.m.....Women’s Bible Study
Noon.....Caregiver’s Support Group
Tuesday, June 7
5:30p.m.....Stewardship Comm. Meeting
Wednesday, June 8
10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.....SAFD
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
Sunday, June 12
9:00a.m.....Methodist Hour, Cable 8
9:45a.m.....Sunday School
10:55a.m.....Worship Service
3:00p.m.....VBS leaders meeting
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
Monday, June 13
9:00a.m.....Women’s Bible Study
1:30p.m.....Prayer Chain
Wednesday, June 15
7:00a.m.....Men’s Prayer Breakfast
10am-3pm.....SAFD
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
7:00p.m.....Chancel Choir

Sunday, June 19
9:00a.m.....Methodist Hour, Cable 8
9:45a.m.....Sunday School
10:55a.m.....Worship Service
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
Monday, June 20
9:00a.m-11:30a.m.....VBS
Noon.....Caregivers Support Group
Tuesday, June 21
9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.....VBS
Wednesday, June 22
7:00a.m.....Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.....VBS
10am-3pm.....SAFD
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
7:00p.m.....Chancel Choir
Thursday, June 23
9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.....VBS
Sunday, June 26
9:00a.m.....Methodist Hour, Cable 8
9:45a.m.....Sunday School
10:55a.m.....Worship Service
5:00p.m.....Youth in basement
Monday, June 27
9:00a.m.....Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, June 29
10am-3pm.....SAFD

Youth Leave for Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
June 29-July 3



The Bellringer
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Cleveland, MS 38732
(662) 843-3414

Ministry Testimonies

Allie Blackwood Testimony

I started attending First United Methodist Church at age 10. I did not know many people when my dad and I started attending. I remember walking into Mrs. Anne Henry’s Sunday school class. Two years later I moved into Mr. Mark Hargett’s class. Finally, I moved into youth. We have had many different youth leaders over the years. I can not say that I have a favorite. I have always had a very strong relationship with Christ, but I think the first actual encounter I had with Christ was on my very first youth trip. The youth went to Give Kids the World in Orlando, FL. During this trip the youth helped children with life threatening diseases such as cancer. Christ spoke to me while I was helping these children. The group got to introduce Christ to these kids and help them live out their dream of being in Disney. The second time I had an encounter with Christ was when I had my car accident in 2014. I should not be alive today, but with the will of Jesus Christ I am. I flew from a car that was going way too fast. I ended up with a broken pelvis, shattered tail bone, and one scratch on my face. This is purely by the grace of God. This church has helped me grow closer to Christ, and the members have been there through my ups and downs for all of these years. I am so blessed to have such a magnificent church family.

Confirmation is an important time in the lives of a Methodist youth. I have many desires for my children. However, the strongest desire that I have for my children is that they experience the love of Christ, and choose to follow him in their daily walks, as they experience trials, troubles, and joys in life. Turner, my 12 year old, recently was able to experience choosing and expressing his Confirmation in Christ. I am grateful for the time and dedication that Brother Will gave, not just to Turner, but to the whole group of children involved. I am also thankful that we have a church that is vibrant and allows children to experience love and support as they learn and grow in their faith. I can not thank you enough for all that you do in the lives of my children. We enjoy being part of this church family and are forever grateful.

Sincerely,
Ginny Yelverton

First United
Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Will Wilkerson

Pastor

Mary Rizzo

Director of Christian
Education

Angela Jefcoat

Director of Children's Ministry

Caleb Holder/Maribeth Crews

Directors of Youth Ministry

ElizaBeth Beckham

Director of Music

Julie Jackson

Handbell Director

Joyce Sledge

Organist

Minji Kim

Pianist

Marcia Houser

Financial Secretary

Karen Causey

Church Secretary

Pam Butler

Nursery Supervisor

Doris Marshall

Custodian

Administration

Nott Wheeler, Jr.

Lay Leader

Beverly Hardy

Chair, Administrative Board

Leslie Griffin

Chair, Trustees

Hunter Nowell

Chair, Finance Committee

Betty Johnson

Chair, Staff/Parish Relations

Joseph Crews

Church Treasurer

Mary & Angela's Corner/Children's News

Nursery Helpers:

June 5-Maribeth & Dave Crews
June 12-Courtney & Brett Warren
June 19-Jaime & Marcia Houser
June 26-Breland & Ginny Yelverton

June SS Teachers

2 & 3 yr olds-Mary McKay Lasker
4K/5K/1st-Shawn Marchant
2nd grade-Rae Crews
3rd grade-Courtney Warren
4th/5th/6th-Lesley Mancini

July SS Teachers

2 & 3 yr olds-Mary McKay Lasker
4K/5K/1st-Ginny Yelverton
2nd grade-Rae Crews
3rd grade-Angela Jefcoat
Tween-Ruthie Forbes

Women's Bible Study will Not meet on
Monday, June 20

Children/Tween Activities:
Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, June 12-Vacation Bible School leaders
meeting @ 3:00pm

June 20-23, Monday-Thursday
9-11:30am

Vacation Bible School at FUMC
(leaders meeting Sunday, June 12)

Tuesday, June 28-Kids Mission Day-
Sno-cones at the Nursing Home

Thursday, July 7-Bible Art with
Courtney Warren ages 1st-6th grade

Sunday, July 17-Pool Party at the
Cleveland Country Club — 12-2pm

Children's Church

We will not have Children's Church
during the months of June & July
5K and under can go to the nursery

New Women's
Bible Study
Starts June 27th!
*The Longing in
Me*
By Sheila Walsh

Church Wide News

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Tuesday, June 7-Stewardship Meeting @ 5:30pm
Sunday, June 12-Vacation Bible School Meeting
Monday, June 13-Prayer Chain at 1:30pm in Parlor

MLN Luncheon will not meet
in
June, July or August
MLN will start back up on
September 15 at 11:45am

Methodist Men

Will not meet in
June or July
Methodist Men
will start back on
Tuesday, August 9
At 6:30pm

JUNE YOUTH NEWS

*June 29th-July 3rd youth trip to Junaluska/North Carolina
*T-shirt sales for youth fundraiser will continue.
\$13 dollar short sleeve. \$16 long sleeve.
*Youth will assist with VBS. If any youth wish to
volunteer, please contact Caleb or Maribeth.
*Sunday Night Youth 5p.m.
*Wednesday Night Youth 5p.m.
*Please let Caleb or Maribeth know if you wish to
volunteer to feed youth.
*Youth devotions will stop for the summer, but reconvene
in the fall semester.


Congratulations to:
2016 High School & College Graduates

High School:

Heather Rose Bouse
Allie Elizabeth Blackwood
Leo Pittman Edwards, III

College:

Robbie Henry Comans
Ally hargett
Brett Warren
Courtney Warren
Deborah Ariremako
Mallory Sneed Chandler
Monica Ely
Rachel Green



CHURCH IN PRAYER

Chris Mitchell
Pat McCaleb
Diane Elloitt

Prayer boxes are in the Ushers Room in the Sanctuary and in
the foyer of the fellowship hall to place prayer request. You
may also call Pat McCaleb(843-3476) or the church office @
843-3414 to request prayer. Members of our prayer chain who
pray for you daily:
Pat McCaleb, Alinda Sledge, Joyce Kennedy,
Betty Sue Miller, Margaret Tullos, Joyce Sledge,
Ann Nelson, Ramona Rizzo, Susan Sledge,
Joanne Crews, Jack Fletcher, Jill Mahaffey,
Phyllis McCalop, ElizaBeth Beckham, & Cristyn Holder

For the Record
Attendance

May 1, 2016
Sunday School.....72
Morning Worship.....215

May 8, 2016
Sunday School.....65
Morning Worship.....200

May 15 17, 2016
Sunday School.....68
Morning Worship.....180

May 22, 2016
Sunday School.....65
Morning Worship.....173

Stewardship Quote


Being a good steward of the
gifts with which God has
blessed me has been a way
of life for me. I want to serve
the church with my time,
talent, and money. Trusting
God with my tithes or more
has brought much joy to me.

Joyce Kennedy
Church Member

April Income=\$46,648
April Expenses=\$62,505
Yearly Income=\$156,283
Yearly Expenses=\$196,274

Congratulations to Mrs. Joyce Sledge for
40 years of faithful service to the
church playing the organ.

Thank you so very much Mrs. Joyce Sledge
for your awesome commitment and sharing
your talents with God's people.



THE CHURCH IN GIVING

June Volunteers

Ushers:

Bruce Holder, Chairman, Julian Hardy, Chris Ouzts,
Totten Foster, Jerry Ainsworth, Brett Warren

Coffee Detail:

Wayne Forbes & Kelly Causey

CHURCH GREETERS:

Spence Griffin & Bruce Holder

SS GREETER:

Kay Long

Acolytes :

Candles/Cross & Offering

June 5:

Sela Mancini & Katy Clark

June 12:

Ella Catherine Jefcoat & Kate Griffin

June 19:

Lane Rowland & Homer Sledge IV

June 26:

Adair Gaines & Tuck LaMastus

Liturgist:

June 5: Rachel Tate
June 12: Kay Long
June 19:
June 26:

Flowers on the Altar

June 5: Phyllis McCalop
June 12: Sandy Tidmore
June 19:
June 26:

In April, FUMC sent \$27,400
to several Missions Groups:

—Methodist Children's Home
—Helping Hands-Cleveland
—Sunny Seniors Alzheimer Respite
—Habitat for Humanity-Cleveland
—Women's Resource Center-
Cleveland
—Senior Services of MS
—The Baddour Center
—United Methodist Hour
—Camp Lake Stephens-Oxford

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for all the
nice comments I received last
Sunday as I started my forty-first
year as organist at
First United Methodist Church.
The bracelet is beautiful and I
will cherish it for a long time.
Thanks again for letting me be
your organist. The years have gone
by so quickly.

Fondly,
Joyce Sledge

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Leslie & Keith Griffin

Don Conger

In Honor of M/M Stephen Simmons
& Kate Turner Norquist

Don Conger

In Honor of Parker Harris

Charlene Wolfe

In Honor of Celeste Wolfe Harris

Charlene Wolfe

In Honor of Rachel Tate & Gregory Cole

Don Conger

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Helen Morgan

Harold & Chris Mitchell
Buddy & Kay Long
Joyce Kennedy
John & Nita Thornell
Keith & Leslie Griffin
Buddy & Mary Jane Hemphill

In Memory of Pete Walker

M/M Tom Box

In Memory of Sue Latham

Nott & Martha Wheeler

In Memory of Maxine Tullos

Caroline Laudig Gaines

In Memory of Beth Causey

Joyce Kennedy

In Memory of Bill Bizzell

Nott & Martha Wheeler

In Memory of Bobby Elloitt

Nott & Martha Wheeler